

Benefits Terminated for All Disabled Beneficiaries

Table 46.
Number, by reason for termination, 2003

Reason for termination	All benefi- ciaries	Workers and nondisabled dependents				Widow(er)s	Adult children of—		
		Workers	Spouses	Children under age 18	Students aged 18–19		Disabled workers	Retired workers	Deceased workers
Total	923,015	447,485	48,969	280,623	92,201	20,707	9,476	6,091	17,463
Death of beneficiary	211,118	185,209	1,421	714	39	6,750	544	3,076	13,365
Termination resulting from death of worker	34,645	...	6,476	25,307	1,178	...	1,676	8	...
Attainment of age—									
18 by children	181,232	...	...	181,232	...	...	...	...	...
19 by students	4,848	...	...	...	4,848	...	...	...	...
FRA by disabled workers	225,519	199,662	15,817	5,839	327	...	3,874	...	...
FRA by disabled widow(er)s	12,378	...	...	...	...	12,378	...	...	...
Termination of spouse's benefit because child attains age 16	16,098	...	16,098	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marriage, remarriage, or divorce of beneficiary	7,972	...	2,510	3,288	257	65	356	256	1,240
Entitlement to an equal or larger Social Security benefit	3,621	...	1,505	795	35	524	177	391	194
Does not meet medical standards ^a	97,891	53,396	2,177	36,682	361	290	1,740	795	2,450
Medical improvement ^b	--	13,701	--	--	--	57	--	--	--
Work above substan- tial gainful activity ^c	--	27,926	--	--	--	159	--	--	--
Miscellaneous reasons ^d	--	11,769	--	--	--	66	--	--	--
Student no longer attending school	83,752	...	...	...	83,752	...	...	...	...
Other	43,941	9,218	2,965	26,766	1,404	700	1,109	1,565	214

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Annual Termination file and the Termination Supplement file, 100 percent data.

NOTES: These data represent the total number of beneficiaries whose benefits were terminated during the calendar year regardless of the effective date of the termination.

... = not applicable; FRA = full retirement age; -- = not available.

a. Dependents benefits terminate when the disabled worker no longer meets the requirements for disability benefits. Disabled widow(er)s and disabled adult children of deceased or retired workers lose their benefits when they no longer meet the requirements for disability benefits.

b. Includes beneficiaries who medically improved, who did not cooperate during the medical review, or whose whereabouts are unknown.

c. Excludes disabled beneficiaries whose monthly benefits have been suspended because they are engaging in substantial gainful activity during the extended period of eligibility.

d. Includes beneficiaries who did not comply with alcohol or drug abuse treatment programs or who refused vocational rehabilitation services.

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